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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TP

SUBJ: SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE LIBERATION MOVEMENT

REF: LIBREVILLE 1351

1. LOCAL UN RES. REP. WATTERSON TOLD EMBOFF NOV 9 THAT AT SUGGESTION UN HEADQUARTERS, HE MET RECENTLY WITH MLSTP LEADERS DRS. DA GRACA AND DE CEITA TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE UN ROLE IN POST INDEPENDENT SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE. WATTERSON SAID BECAUSE TALKS HAD BEEN "VERY UNOFFICIAL AND GENERAL" HE NOT AT LIBERTY TO DIVULGE KIND OR AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE DISCUSSED. HE DID MENTION HOWEVER THAT MLSTP LEADERS TOLD HIM THEY EXPECT SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE TO BE WELL ON THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE WITHIN A MONTH.

2. COMMENT: EVEN ASSUMING A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF EXAGGERATION IN IN MLSTP CLAIM OF INDEPENDENCE WITHIN A MONTH, FACT THAT LEADERS ARE ALREADY IN CONTACT WITH UN ADDITIONAL INDICATION THAT ISLANDS RAPIDLY MOVING TOWARD INDEPENDENCE WITH MLSTP PLAYING INCREASINGLY ACKNOWLEDGED ROLE OF SPOKESMAN. UN IS NOT ALONE IN ITS INTEREST IN MLSTP. DR DA GRACA WAS BUTTON-HOLED BY
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PRC CHARGE FOR LENGTHY TALK AT RECENT RECEPTION GIVEN BY SPANISH

AMBASSADOR.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, WISH AGAIN TO DIRECT DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO POINTS MADE IN REFTEL. IT SEEMS TO US HIGH TIME FOR U.S. TO INDICATE INTEREST IN THE ISLANDS' FUTURE AND THAT THIS INTEREST SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO MLSTP. LIBREVILLE SEEMS TO BE THE LOGICAL PLACE TO CENTER OUR CONTACTS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH OF COURSE TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS BUT WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT THEY ARE SO THAT WE CAN MAKE INTELLIGENT AND COORDINATED APPROACH TO MLSTP LEADERS HERE.
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